



Tumut High School Policy Document

"THS supports a SAFE learning community which develops RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE citizens"

Mobile Phone Policy – 2017

RATIONALE

Students who bring their mobile phone or similar device to school are expected to use it in a responsible (being appropriately prepared to learn), respectful (following teacher instruction) and safe (care for others) manner. While these devices can contribute to a rich learning environment, because of their delicate and often expensive nature, Tumut High School does not encourage or support students in bringing mobile phones, portable computer games, MP3 players, iPods, cameras or similar items to school. Students who bring these items to school do so at their own risk. Staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students may use their phones (or similar device) outside school buildings before school, at recess, at lunchtime and after the final school bell. Use of mobile phones and similar devices during class time is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Where permitted, students must only use their device for educational purposes and as directed by their teacher. The teacher will actively supervise to ensure responsible use.

Inappropriate Use

In the event a student uses their device inappropriately the device will be immediately confiscated (no warning required) and the phone stored with the Deputy Principal until the end of the day. In the event of repeated incidents the school, in consultation with parents/carers, will confiscate the phone overnight with it being returned the following afternoon.

Students who use their phones (or similar device) in an unsafe manner (harassing, intimidating or bullying) resulting in a lack of care for others may face suspension and be reported to the police for criminal behaviour.

Emergency Contact

- Parents/Caregivers who need to contact students during school hours must report to or phone the front office.
- Students needing to contact parents/caregivers during school hours must do so through the front office.

Related Department of Education Policies & Documents

Student Bring Your Own Device Policy, 2013:

https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/technology/computers/mobiledevice/PD20130458_i.shtml?query=mobile+phones+students

Online Communication Services: Acceptable usage for School Student, 2006:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/general_man/general/accep_use/PD20020046.shtml

Communication Devices and Associated Services Policy, 2007:

https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/staff/ethical_behav/comm_dev/PD20020024_i.shtml?start=11&query=resources

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